



Sarbanes-Oxley

If you work for a publicly traded company, it's a sure bet you've heard of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The legislation, designed to restore investor confidence in American corporations, introduced significant regulations and demanded additional oversight by management over processes and tools. The Act also introduced criminal penalties for officers of companies that aren't in compliance, and significantly boosted civil penalties.

Acuity Consulting helps companies and individuals avoid these negative consequences by reviewing systems and processes before a Sarbanes-Oxley audit takes place. Acuity can also help with Sarbanes-Oxley follow-ups, helping management ensure rapid implementations and continued compliance with the comprehensive requirements of the legislation.



Acuity does this by bringing decades of experience with management systems and processes to bear on the compliance architecture of your computer software.

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Relevant features your software may already address

- Documentation of business processes, including charting graphical process flows
- Automation of procedures and processes to ensure appropriate controls are consistently applied. Examples include
 - A/R credit limit checks
 - Order activity rules
 - Next numbers
 - Processing options
- Security
- Bringing data together from multiple sources to provide a single, cohesive view, from high level summary analysis down to the details of every transaction in every audit trail.
 - Data integrity checking
 - Automatically scan and detect variances with alerts to specific individuals.
 - Enhanced analysis of time periods, business units, suppliers, customers, business units, and theatre/geography, allowing managers to determine trends and see the root causes of change.

The Acuity approach has several advantages. In particular, Acuity's experience with implementing management systems will help ensure everyone continues to use any new procedures because they will be practical, enforceable, and properly documented. Also, because Acuity has specific experience with Enterprise software, the need to implement and integrate multiple Sarbanes-Oxley compliance tools will be reduced. Finally, Acuity supply chain expertise can help you leverage significant benefits from the additional information in your management systems that your Sarbanes-Oxley implementation will demand.

Sarbanes-Oxley is a fact of corporate life. By using Acuity to assist with your compliance, you'll not only have an easier time implementing the mandated systems and procedures, you'll stay on course for a longer period of time, and you'll gain competitive advantages from enterprise-wide ERP improvements.